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[109]

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1. All in all, do you think that things in the nation are generally headed in the right direction, or do you feel that things are off on the wrong track?

	<u>2/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	<u>12/04</u>	<u>10/04+</u>	<u>9/04+</u>	<u>8/04+</u>	<u>High</u> <u>9/01</u>	<u>Low</u> <u>7/92+</u>	
Headed in the right direction.....	42	40	41	39	39	36	72	14	[138]
Off on the wrong track.....	48	47	46	48	49	50	11	71	
Mixed (VOL).....	8	10	11	10	10	12	11	9	
Not sure.....	2	3	2	3	2	2	6	6	
	<u>7/04+</u>	<u>6/04+</u>	<u>5/04+</u>	<u>3/04</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/14/03</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>	
	36	36	33	41	47	56	41	43	
	48	48	50	49	43	30	48	47	
	14	14	14	5	6	9	8	6	
	2	2	3	5	4	5	3	3	
	<u>9/03</u>	<u>7/03</u>	<u>5/03+</u>	<u>4/03</u>	<u>1/03</u>	<u>12/02</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	<u>9/02</u>	
	38	42	49	62	36	43	44	42	
	50	44	38	22	47	42	42	43	
	8	9	8	13	14	13	14	12	
	4	4	5	3	3	2	-	3	
	<u>7/02</u>	<u>6/02</u>	<u>4/02</u>	<u>1/02</u>	<u>12/01</u>	<u>9/01</u>	<u>6/01</u>	<u>1/01</u>	
	40	52	53	62	70	72	43	45	
	42	31	28	20	15	11	39	36	
	14	14	15	14	12	11	14	15	
	4	3	4	4	3	6	4	4	

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- 2a. For statistical purposes only, will you please tell me how old you are? (IF "REFUSED," ASK:) Well, would you tell me which age group you belong to?

18-24.....	10	50-54.....	8	[139-140]
25-29.....	9	55-59.....	9	
30-34.....	11	60-64.....	7	
35-39.....	9	65-69.....	6	
40-44.....	9	70-74.....	7	

45-49.....	10	75 and over.....	5
		Refused.....	-

2b. To ensure that we have a representative sample, would you please tell me whether you are from a Hispanic or Spanish-speaking background?

Yes, Hispanic.....	11	[141]
No, not Hispanic.....	89	
Not sure/refused.....	-	

2c. And again, for statistical purposes only, what is your race--white, black, Asian, or something else?

White.....	75	[142]
Black.....	11	
Asian.....	1	
Other.....	3	
Hispanic (VOL).....	9	
Not sure/refused.....	1	

3a. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job that George W. Bush is doing as president?

	<u>2/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	<u>12/04</u>	<u>10/04+</u>	<u>9/04+</u>	<i>High</i> <u>11/01</u>	<i>Low</i> <u>6/04+</u>	
Approve.....	50	50	49	49	47	88	45	[143]
Disapprove.....	45	44	44	47	48	7	49	
Not sure.....	5	6	7	4	5	5	6	
		<u>8/04+</u>	<u>7/04+</u>	<u>6/04+</u>	<u>5/04+</u>	<u>3/04</u>	<u>1/04</u>	
		47	48	45	47	50	54	
		48	46	49	46	46	41	
		5	6	6	7	5	6	
		<u>12/14/03</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>	<u>9/03</u>	<u>7/03</u>	<u>5/03+</u>	
		58	52	51	49	56	62	
		34	41	44	45	38	31	
		9	7	5	6	6	7	
		<u>3/29-</u> <u>4/03</u>	<u>3/23/03</u>	<u>3/17/03</u>	<u>2/03</u> ¹	<u>1/03</u>	<u>12/02</u>	
		71	66	67	62	61	62	
		23	29	28	33	31	33	
		6	5	5	5	8	5	
	<u>10/02+</u>	<u>9/02</u>	<u>7/02</u>	<u>6/02</u>	<u>5/02</u>	<u>4/02</u>	<u>4/01</u>	
	63	64	67	69	75	74	57	
	31	30	27	23	18	20	22	
	6	6	6	8	7	6	21	

¹ Overnight poll conducted after Colin Powell's speech to the United Nations.

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3b. Do you generally approve or disapprove of the job that George W. Bush is doing in handling the economy?

	<u>2/05*</u>	<u>1/05</u>	<u>12/04</u>	<u>10/04+</u>	<u>9/04+</u>	<u>8/04+</u>	<u>6/04+</u>	
Approve.....	46	47	44	45	45	43	45	[144]
Disapprove.....	50	47	51	52	51	52	49	
Not sure.....	4	6	5	3	4	5	6	
		<u>5/04+</u>	<u>3/04</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>	<u>9/03</u>	
		41	45	49	48	50	43	
		53	51	45	46	44	52	
		6	4	6	6	5	6	
		<u>7/03</u>	<u>5/03+</u>	<u>4/03</u>	<u>1/03</u>	<u>12/02</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	
		45	47	49	44	47	48	
		48	45	42	49	45	44	
		7	8	9	7	8	8	
	<u>9/02</u>	<u>7/02</u>	<u>6/02</u>	<u>4/02</u>	<u>1/02</u>	<u>12/01</u>	<u>4/01</u>	
	48	49	57	61	63	63	52	
	43	43	34	30	27	25	27	
	9	8	9	9	10	12	21	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

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3c. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job that George W. Bush is doing in handling our foreign policy?

	<u>2/05**</u>	<u>1/05</u>	<u>12/04</u>	<u>10/04+</u>	<u>9/04+</u>	<u>8/04+</u>	<u>6/04+</u>	
Approve.....	44	46	45	48	44	44	44	[145]
Disapprove.....	50	49	51	46	51	52	52	
Not sure.....	6	5	4	6	5	4	4	
		<u>5/04+</u>	<u>3/04</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/14/03</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>	
		43	47	54	56	48	48	
		51	48	41	37	47	48	
		6	5	5	7	5	4	
	<u>9/03</u>	<u>7/03</u>	<u>5/03+</u>	<u>4/03</u>	<u>1/03</u>	<u>12/02</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	
	47	55	63	70	51	57	58	
	46	39	31	24	42	36	35	
	7	6	6	6	7	7	7	
	<u>9/02</u>	<u>7/02</u>	<u>6/02</u>	<u>4/02</u>	<u>1/02</u>	<u>12/01</u>	<u>4/01</u>	
	55	62	64	68	81	82	53	
	34	28	28	26	13	12	20	
	11	10	8	6	6	6	27	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

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4. Which do you think is more important for President Bush and the Congress to focus on this year--foreign policy issues and international terrorism or domestic issues?

Foreign policy issues/international terrorism.....	27	[146]
Domestic issues.....	50	
Both equally (VOL).....	21	
Depends (VOL).....	1	
Not sure.....	1	

5. Now I'm going to read you the names of several public figures, and I'd like you to rate your feelings toward each one as either very positive, somewhat positive, neutral, somewhat negative, or very negative. If you don't know the name, please just say so.

	<u>Very Positive</u>	<u>Somewhat Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Somewhat Negative</u>	<u>Very Negative</u>	<u>Don't Know Name/ Not Sure</u>	
George W. Bush							[147]
February 2005.....	31	20	9	13	27	-	
January 2005.....	32	19	9	15	25	-	
December 2004.....	31	19	9	13	28	-	
October 2004+.....	36	14	6	13	31	-	
September 2004+.....	36	13	6	12	33	-	
August 2004+.....	33	16	8	12	31	-	
July 2004+.....	29	19	8	13	30	1	
June 2004+.....	33	15	8	14	30	-	
May 2004+.....	30	19	8	13	30	-	
March 2004.....	34	16	8	13	28	-	
January 2004.....	38	17	8	13	24	-	
December 13, 2003.....	35	19	8	15	23	-	
September 2003.....	35	17	9	15	23	1	
July 2003.....	38	21	9	14	17	-	
January 2003.....	36	20	12	16	16	-	
December 2002.....	38	24	14	12	12	-	
October 2002+.....	37	24	11	12	15	1	
January 2001.....	25	25	18	13	17	2	
<i>High</i>							
December 2001.....	54	26	9	6	5	-	
<i>Low</i>							
March 2000+.....	19	26	21	15	17	2	
Condoleezza Rice							[148]
February 2005.....	28	22	16	13	14	7	
January 2005.....	20	22	23	11	9	15	
December 2004.....	26	19	21	10	12	12	
May 2004+.....	26	22	17	12	12	11	
Alberto Gonzales							[149]
February 2005.....	8	16	21	8	8	39	
January 2005.....	9	12	19	7	6	47	

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Q.5 (cont'd)

	Very Positive	Somewhat Positive	Neutral	Somewhat Negative	Very Negative	Don't Know Name/ Not Sure	
The Democratic Party							[150]
February 2005.....	14	28	28	16	13	1	
December 2004.....	18	26	22	19	14	1	
October 2004+.....	17	25	22	16	19	1	
September 2004+.....	16	26	20	18	19	1	
August 2004+.....	17	24	23	16	19	1	
July 2004+.....	16	25	24	19	14	2	
September 2003.....	11	29	22	19	16	3	
July 2003.....	11	25	25	20	16	3	
December 2002.....	13	27	27	16	15	2	
September 2002.....	12	26	30	17	12	3	
December 2001.....	18	30	26	14	9	3	
December 2000.....	23	23	18	16	18	2	
July 2000+.....	19	27	24	15	14	1	
June 1996+.....	17	29	23	15	15	1	
<i>High</i>							
January 2000.....	20	30	23	15	10	2	
<i>Low</i>							
December 1994.....	10	23	25	24	16	2	
The Republican Party							[151]
February 2005.....	17	27	19	18	18	1	
December 2004.....	19	27	18	16	18	2	
October 2004+.....	20	24	18	15	22	1	
September 2004+.....	21	22	16	18	22	1	
August 2004+.....	18	26	17	16	22	1	
July 2004+.....	18	25	20	18	18	1	
September 2003.....	17	26	17	19	18	3	
July 2003.....	18	30	16	16	16	3	
December 2002.....	21	26	22	15	14	2	
September 2002.....	15	30	26	13	13	3	
December 2001.....	21	36	18	13	9	3	
December 2000.....	18	26	23	14	18	1	
July 2000+.....	15	28	24	16	15	2	
June 1996+.....	11	25	25	21	16	2	
<i>High</i>							
December 2001.....	21	36	18	13	9	3	
<i>Low</i>							
March 1999.....	1	22	23	19	23	2	

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Q.5 (cont'd)

	<u>Very Positive</u>	<u>Somewhat Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Somewhat Negative</u>	<u>Very Negative</u>	<u>Don't Know Name/ Not Sure</u>	
Howard Dean							[152]
February 2005.....	8	20	28	12	15	17	
January 2005.....	4	18	32	12	12	22	
January 2004.....	7	20	20	13	21	19	
December 13, 2003.....	9	19	19	12	14	27	
November 2003.....	3	15	21	11	10	39	
September 2003.....	3	15	21	10	10	42	
July 2003.....	5	10	16	5	9	55	
Nancy Pelosi							[153]
February 2005.....	5	10	17	6	10	52	
December 2002.....	3	8	16	4	8	61	
Laura Bush							[154]
February 2005.....	41	24	22	5	5	3	
December 2004.....	40	22	21	7	6	4	
August 2004+.....	38	19	24	8	6	5	
December 2001.....	49	27	16	2	2	4	
March 2001.....	28	24	33	3	2	10	
January 2001.....	16	18	34	4	5	23	
July 2000+.....	13	14	28	4	4	37	
Harry Reid							[155]
February 2005.....	4	7	21	5	3	60	

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6. In his recent State of the Union speech, President Bush mentioned a number of issues and policies that Congress should address. Keeping in mind that Congress can only get so much done in one year, please use a scale from one to five to tell me how big a priority each of the following issues should be for Congress to address. If you think that a policy should be of the highest priority, give it a rating of five. If you think an issue is a low priority, give it a rating of one. You may use any number from one to five, depending on how you feel.

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY HIGH PRIORITY (A RANKING OF "4" OR "5")

	High Priority				Low Priority		Cannot Rate	
	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>			
Extending health care coverage to more people **.....	56	20	15	4	4	1		[169]
Reducing the federal deficit *.....	48	25	19	6	2	-		[162]
Addressing the performance of public high schools *.....	41	22	22	8	6	1		[163]
Increasing energy supplies **.....	31	28	26	8	5	2		[170]
Addressing hostile foreign governments.....	33	24	27	9	6	1		[160/168]
Changing immigration laws.....	32	17	27	13	9	2		[157/165]
Changing the Social Security system.....	31	17	19	8	23	2		[158/166]
Cutting taxes.....	28	16	27	11	17	1		[156/164]
Changing the rules governing lawsuits *.....	22	19	32	15	11	1		[161]
Reducing the number of federal government programs **.....	16	18	33	13	19	1		[171]
Amending the Constitution to ban gay marriages.....	22	8	12	11	47	-		[159/167]

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

7. Now I'm going to read you several specific proposals. Regardless of whether you favor or oppose each policy, please tell me whether you think that each policy is realistic and can be achieved practically during the next four years of the Bush administration, or whether you think that it is unrealistic and impractical to achieve this policy within the next four years.

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY REALISTIC/PRACTICAL

	Realistic/ <u>Practical</u>	Unrealistic/ <u>Impractical</u>	Depends <u>(VOL)</u>	Not <u>Sure</u>	
Extending to the nation's high schools the federal testing and accountability requirements that now apply to elementary and middle schools *.....	72..	21	4	3	[179]
Extending health care coverage through tax credits for low-income people, expanding medical savings accounts, and building more community health centers **.....	67..	27	4	2	[212]
Increasing energy supplies by increasing U.S. oil production, exploring new alternative energy sources, and increasing use of nuclear power **.....	65..	30	3	2	[213]
Reducing the number of lawsuits and the amount of money that can be awarded in lawsuits *.....	57..	38	3	2	[177]

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

Q.7 (cont'd)	Realistic/ Practical	Unrealistic/ Impractical	Depends (VOL)	Not Sure	
Changing immigration laws to allow temporary guest-worker visas for immigrants who are in this country illegally.....55..	40	2	3	[173/208]	
Making permanent the tax cuts of the past few years, which are currently set to expire in 2010.....53..	40	2	5	[172/180]	
Putting policies in place that would cut the federal budget deficit in half over the next ten years *.....48..	46	4	2	[178]	
Allowing workers to invest some of their Social Security taxes in the stock market.....45..	49	3	3	[174/209]	
Reducing the number of federal government programs by eliminating or greatly reducing funding for more than one hundred and fifty programs **.....41..	51	4	4	[214]	
Amending the Constitution to ban gay marriages.....38..	57	2	3	[175/210]	
Actively promoting democracy in other countries, such as North Korea, Syria, and Iran.....27..	68	3	2	[176/211]	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

8. Leaving terrorism aside, which one or two of the following things will be the benchmark by which you judge the success of President Bush's second term in office? (IF "ALL," ASK:) Well, if you had to choose just one or two as the most important benchmarks, which would you choose?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

The situation in Iraq.....	35.....	[215-216]
Domestic issues such as health care and education.....	30.....	>
The state of the economy.....	25.....	
The state of America's moral values.....	15.....	
Changing the Social Security system.....	15.....	
America's standing in the world.....	14.....	
The reduction of the federal deficit.....	13.....	
Federal taxes.....	5.....	
None/other (VOL).....	4.....	
Not sure.....	1.....	

9. Thinking about the first few weeks of President Bush's second term in office, including his inaugural address and his recent State of the Union speech, would you say that your opinion of President Bush has generally gotten better, generally gotten worse, or stayed about the same?

Generally gotten better.....	17	[217]
Generally gotten worse.....	18	
Stayed about the same.....	64	
Not sure.....	1	

10. Which of the following roles would you like to see the Democrats in Congress play?

Work in a bipartisan way with Republicans to help pass President Bush's legislative priorities so that we do not have gridlock, OR

Provide a balance to make sure that President Bush and the Republicans do not go too far in pushing their agenda.

	<u>2/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	
Work in a bipartisan way to pass Bush's legislative priorities.....	34	33	[218]
Provide a balance so Bush and Republicans don't go too far.....	60	57	
Depends/some of both (VOL).....	5	7	
Not sure.....	1	3	

- 11a. I'm going to read you several issues that the Congress may take up this year. Please tell me on which of these issues you think it is most important for the Democrats in Congress compromise and make real concessions to President Bush's positions in order to pass legislation.

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

Reducing the number of lawsuits and the amount of money that can be awarded in lawsuits.....	37	[219] >
Allowing workers to invest part of their Social Security taxes in the stock market.....	28	
Confirming President Bush's nominations for judgeships.....	25	
Allowing exploration and drilling for oil in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska.....	25	
Amending the Constitution to ban gay marriages.....	20	
All (VOL).....	6	
None (VOL).....	13	
Not sure.....	2	

- 11b. I'm going to read you this same list of issues again. Now I would like you to tell me on which of these issues you think it is most important for the Democrats to hold fast to their positions and NOT compromise, even if it results in gridlock and no legislation on this issue.

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

Amending the Constitution to ban gay marriages.....	28	[220] >
Allowing exploration and drilling for oil in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska.....	25	
Allowing workers to invest part of their Social Security taxes in the stock market.....	24	
Confirming President Bush's nominations for judgeships.....	19	
Reducing the number of lawsuits and the amount of money that can be awarded in lawsuits.....	15	
All (VOL).....	7	
None (VOL).....	14	
Not sure.....	4	

12. As you may know, Howard Dean will be the new chairman of the Democratic National Party. As party chairman, do you think that Howard Dean will help project a positive image of the Democratic Party, a negative image of the Democratic Party, neither a positive nor negative image of the Democratic Party, or do you not have an opinion either way?

Will project positive image.....	30	[221]
Will project negative image.....	19	
Will not project positive or negative image.....	13	
No opinion either way.....	34	
Not sure.....	4	

Changing topics . . .

13. Recently there has been discussion in Congress about changing the Social Security and health care systems. Some of the proposals on these issues would offer people fewer guarantees for the future, but would give people more responsibility and personal ownership.

Thinking about Social Security and health care, where do you believe Congress should place more emphasis--on providing guarantees for the future, or on giving people more responsibility and personal control?

Guarantees for the future.....	61	[222]
More responsibility and personal control....	32	
Depends (VOL).....	5	
Not sure.....	2	

14. How well do you feel that you understand the issues being discussed in the debate over changing the Social Security system--very well, somewhat well, not very well, or not well at all?

Understand very well.....	28	[223]
Understand somewhat well.....	56	
Do not understand very well.....	10	
Do not understand well at all	5	
Not sure.....	1	

15. In general, do you think that it is a good idea or a bad idea to change the Social Security system to allow workers to invest their Social Security contributions in the stock market?

	<u>2/05</u>		<u>1/05</u>	<u>12/04</u>	
Good idea.....	40	CONTINUE	40	38	[224]
Bad idea.....	51		50	50	
Not sure.....	9	Skip to Q.17	10	12	

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY GOOD IDEA OR BAD IDEA IN Q.15.)

16. When it comes to allowing workers to invest some of their Social Security contributions in the stock market, would you say that your position is completely firm and unlikely to change, or would you say that you are open to changing your mind on this issue?

	Good Idea (Q.15)	Bad Idea (Q.15)	
Position is firm/unlikely to change....	31	60	[225]
Open to changing mind.....	68	39	
Not sure.....	1	1	

17. Please tell me which of the following approaches to dealing with Social Security you would prefer—**(A)** making some adjustments but leaving the Social Security system basically as is and running the risk that the system will fall short of money as more people retire and become eligible for benefits, OR **(B)** changing the Social Security system by allowing people to invest some of their Social Security taxes in private accounts--like IRA's or 401k's--and running the risk that some people will lose money in their private accounts due to drops in the stock market?

	<u>2/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	<u>12/04</u>	<u>8/04+¹</u>	<u>1/04</u>	
A /Making some adjustments but leaving the Social Security system basically as is.....	50	44	39	43	52	[226]
B /Changing Social Security to allow people to invest some of their Social Security taxes in private accounts.....	40	46	45	41	38	
Neither/other(VOL).....	5	5	7	8	5	
Depends (VOL)	3	2	4	3	1	
Not sure.....	2	3	5	5	4	

¹ Prior to August 2004, the phrase, "... like IRAs or 401k's..." was not included.

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- 18a. Which of the following do you think best describes the financial situation of Social Security today--it is in crisis, it is in serious trouble but not in crisis, it is in some trouble, or it is not really in trouble at all?

	<u>2/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	
In crisis.....	17	14	[227]
In serious trouble but not in crisis.....	35	38	
In some trouble.....	39	38	
Not really in trouble at all.....	7	7	
Depends (VOL).....	-	1	
Not sure.....	2	2	

- 18b. President Bush has expressed two goals for Social Security. The first goal is to keep the system from running short of money in the next forty years by making adjustments in benefits or taxes. The second goal is to change the system so that workers can invest some of their Social Security taxes in the stock market.

Which of these goals do you consider to be more important--keeping the system from possibly running short of money in the next forty years, OR having voluntary Social Security investment accounts, OR do you think that both are equally important?

Keep the system from running short of money.....	49	[228]
Create investment accounts.....	12	
Both equally important.....	34	
Not sure.....	5	

19. I'm going to read you several proposals that have been made for ways to save the Social Security system money. For each one, please tell me whether you would support or oppose this idea as a way to save money in the Social Security system.

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY SUPPORT

	<u>Support</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>Depends (VOL)</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	
Limiting the benefits that are paid out to wealthy retirees.....	64	32	2	2	[229]
Gradually increasing the Social Security payroll tax.....	51	41	4	4	[233]
Tying increases in benefits to increases in consumer prices, rather than to wages as they are now.....	44	32	5	19	[230]
Ending the practice of allowing some workers to receive benefits before retirement age.....	40	46	8	6	[232]
Increasing the age at which people can receive benefits.....	32	62	3	3	[231]

20. Which is your greater concern about changing the Social Security system--going too far in changing the system and harming a good program, OR doing too little to change the system and risking that the system will fall apart?

Going too far.....	48	[234]
Doing too little.....	46	
Not sure.....	6	

Turning to the war in Iraq . . .

21. When it comes to the war in Iraq, do you think that removing Saddam Hussein from power was or was not worth the number of U.S. military casualties and the financial cost of the war?

	<u>2/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	<u>12/04</u>	<u>10/04+</u>	<u>9/04+</u>	<u>8/04+</u>	<u>7/04+</u>	
Worth it.....	44	40	43	41	40	43	43	[235]
Not worth it.....	49	52	48	50	52	49	47	
Depends (VOL).....	3	3	6	4	3	4	4	
Not sure.....	4	5	3	5	5	4	6	
	<u>6/04+</u>	<u>5/04+</u>	<u>3/04</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/14/03</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>	
	40	42	50	52	53	45	45	
	51	47	45	40	37	42	46	
	5	5	1	2	5	6	3	
	4	6	4	5	5	6	5	

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

22. Do you think that the war in Iraq is generally over, with most of the challenges behind us, or do you think that most of the challenges in Iraq remain ahead?

	<u>2/05</u>	<u>12/14/03</u>	<u>7/03</u>	<u>5/03</u>	<u>4/03¹</u>	
Most of the challenges behind us.....	23	20	18	26	22	[236]
Most of the challenges remain ahead.....	73	71	75	70	71	
Not sure.....	4	8	7	3	7	

¹ In April 2003, this question was phrased, "most of the challenges in the war remain ahead."

23. Do you think that the results of the recent election in Iraq will be legitimate because the new Iraqi leaders have been democratically elected, or do you think that the results will not be legitimate because violence and boycotts kept some voters away from the polls?

	<u>2/05</u>	<u>1/05¹</u>	
Results will be legitimate.....	51	39	[237]
Results will be not be legitimate.....	38	50	
Depends (VOL).....	4	4	
Not sure.....	7	7	

¹ In January 2005, the question was phrased, "If Iraq's elections are held on January thirtieth"

24. Do you think that the recent elections in Iraq are an indication that President Bush's policy in dealing with Iraq is working, or do you NOT think that the elections are an indication that President Bush's policy in dealing with Iraq is working?

Indicates Bush policy is working.....	53	[238]
Does not indicate Bush policy is working.....	37	
Depends/some of both (VOL).....	5	
Not sure.....	5	

25. When it comes to the recent elections in Iraq, do you think that the Bush administration deserves a great deal of the credit, quite a bit of the credit, some of the credit, or very little of the credit?

Great deal of the credit.....	27	[239]
Quite a bit of the credit.....	19	
Some of the credit.....	33	
Very little of the credit.....	17	
No credit (VOL).....	3	
Not sure.....	1	

26. Do you think that the United States should maintain its current troop level in Iraq to help secure peace and stability, or should the United States now reduce its number of troops since the election has been held?

	<u>2/05¹</u>	<u>1/05</u>	<u>12/04</u>	
Maintain current troop level.....	41	42	45	[240]
Reduce number of troops.....	50	48	41	
Depends/some of both (VOL).....	4	6	9	
Not sure.....	5	4	5	

¹ Prior to February 2005, the question was phrased, "If Iraq's elections do take place on January thirtieth as planned"

27. Do you think that Iraq will or will not be able to establish and maintain a stable, democratic government?

	<u>2/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	<u>6/04+</u>	<u>5/04+</u>	<u>3/04+</u>	
Will be able to maintain stable, democratic government.....	41	38	31	27	46	[241]
Will not be able to maintain stable, democratic government.....	40	45	45	51	40	
Mixed/depends (VOL) ¹	9	8	10	10	4	
Not sure ²	10	9	14	12	10	

¹ Prior to June 2004, this item was phrased, "Mixed/neither fully democratic nor fully undemocratic (VOL)."

² In March 2004, this item was phrased, "Depends/Not sure (VOL)."

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

28. Which of the following should be the goal of U.S. policy in Iraq going forward?

A: Publicly set a timetable for drawing down U.S. troops as soon as possible and turn over security and rebuilding of the country to the new Iraqi government.

B: Privately set a timetable with the Iraqi government and let them know the deadline for when U.S. troops will be reduced.

C: Set no timetable and keep U.S. troops in Iraq for as long as it takes to significantly reduce the terrorist threat in the country.

D: Keep U.S. troops in Iraq until the country has been rebuilt, the government is stabilized, and U.S. troops have significantly reduced the terrorist threat in the country.

A /draw down troops as soon as possible.....	26	[242]
B /set private timetable for removing troops.....	34	
C /set no timetable/keep troops until terrorists have been eliminated.....	17	
D /keep troops until Iraq is rebuilt and terrorists have been eliminated.....	21	
Not sure.....	2	

29. And do you feel more confident or less confident that the war in Iraq will come to a successful conclusion?

	<u>2/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	<u>12/04</u>	<u>10/04+</u>	<u>9/04+</u>	[243]
More confident.....	47	41	41	46	37	
Less confident.....	43	48	48	41	53	
Depends/some of both (VOL).....	5	6	6	8	5	
Not sure.....	5	5	5	5	5	

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

On a different topic . . .

30. Do you believe that the Palestinians and Israelis will or will not be able to form a lasting peace agreement that will work?

	<u>2/05</u>	<u>7/94</u>	<u>9/93</u>	[244]
Believe Palestinians/Israelis will be able to form lasting peace agreement.....	31	24	31	
Believe Palestinians/Israelis will NOT be able to form lasting peace agreement.....	57	66	59	
Not sure.....	12	10	10	

31. Recently there's been a story about some baseball players using steroids to enhance their performance. Has this diminished your opinion of baseball? If you have not followed this story, just say so. **(IF "HAS DIMINISHED OPINION OF BASEBALL," ASK:)** And has this diminished your opinion of baseball a lot or just a little bit?

	<u>2/05</u>	<u>12/04</u>	[245]
Yes, diminished opinion a lot.....	24	26	
Yes, diminished opinion just a little.....	15	13	
No, has not diminished opinion.....	48	48	
Have not followed story.....	12	12	
Not sure.....	1	1	

FACTUALS: Now I am going to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes only.

F1. Are you currently registered to vote at this address?

Registered.....	88	[249]
Not registered.....	10	
Not sure	2	

F2. A lot of people are unable to get out and vote for many reasons. Did you happen to vote in the November 2004 election for president? **(IF "YES," ASK:)** For whom did you vote—George W. Bush, John Kerry, or someone else?

Voted		
George W. Bush.....	39	[250]
John Kerry.....	36	
Someone else.....	2	
Refused (VOL).....	4	
Did Not Vote	16	
Not sure.....	3	

F3. Are you currently employed? **(IF CURRENTLY EMPLOYED:)** What type of work do you do?

(IF NOT CURRENTLY EMPLOYED:) Are you a student, a homemaker, retired, or unemployed and looking for work?

<u>Currently Employed</u>		
Professional/ manager.....	23	[251-258]
White-collar worker.....	23	
Blue-collar worker.....	13	
Farmer, rancher.....	1	
<u>Not Currently Employed</u>		
Student.....	4	
Homemaker.....	6	
Retired.....	23	
Unemployed, looking for work.....	4	
Other.....	-	
Not sure.....	3	

F4. What is the last grade that you completed in school?

Grade school.....	1	[259-260]
Some high school.....	5	
High school graduate.....	28	
Some college, no degree.....	18	
Vocational training/2-year college.....	12	
4-year college/bachelor's degree.....	19	
Some postgraduate work, no degree.....	2	
2 or 3 years' postgraduate work/master's degree....	10	
Doctoral/law degree.....	3	
Not sure/refused.....	2	

- F5. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, an independent, or something else? (IF "DEMOCRAT" OR "REPUBLICAN," ASK:) Would you call yourself a strong (Democrat/Republican) or not a very strong (Democrat/Republican)? (IF "NOT SURE," CODE AS "NOT VERY STRONG DEMOCRAT/REPUBLICAN.") (IF "INDEPENDENT," ASK:) Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican Party, closer to the Democratic Party, or do you think of yourself as strictly independent?

Strong Democrat.....	22	[261]
Not very strong Democrat.....	8	
Independent/lean Democrat.....	10	
Strictly independent.....	18	
Independent/lean Republican.....	9	
Not very strong Republican.....	9	
Strong Republican.....	16	
Other	4	
Not sure/nothing.....	4	

- F6. Thinking about your general approach to issues, do you consider yourself to be liberal, moderate, or conservative?

Liberal.....	22	[262]
Moderate.....	40	
Conservative.....	32	
Not sure.....	6	

- F7a. Are you currently single and never married, single and living with a partner, married, separated, widowed, or divorced?

Single.....	19	[263]
Single, living with partner.....	4	
Married.....	57	
Separated.....	3	
Widowed.....	7	
Divorced.....	8	
Other (VOL).....	-	
Not sure/refused.....	2	

- F7b. Are you the parent or primary guardian of any children under the age of 18?

Yes.....	35	[264]
No.....	63	
Not sure/refused.....	2	

- F8a. What is your religion?

Protestant (includes Baptist, Lutheran, Methodist, Episcopal, Presbyterian, and other Christians).....	50	CONTINUE	[265]
Catholic.....	24		
Jewish.....	2	Skip to Q.F9	
Muslim.....	-		
Other.....	9		
None.....	11	CONTINUE	
Not sure/refused.....	4		

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THEY ARE PROTESTANT, OTHER, NONE, OR NOT SURE IN Q.F8a.)

F8b. Would you describe yourself as either a fundamentalist or an evangelical Christian, or would you not describe yourself that way?

Fundamentalist/evangelical.....	20	[266]
Neither fundamentalist nor evangelical.....	47	
Not sure.....	7	
Catholic/Jewish/Muslim (Q.F8b).....	26	

F9. How often do you attend services at a church, synagogue, or other place of worship?

Never.....	16	[267]
Once a year.....	8	
A few times a year.....	18	
Once a month.....	7	
About twice a month.....	12	
Once a week or more often.....	34	
Not sure.....	5	

F10. Are you a member of a labor union? (IF "NO," ASK:) Is anyone else in this household a member of a labor union?

Labor union member.....	11	[268]
Labor union household.....	6	
Nonunion household.....	81	
Not sure.....	2	

F11. If you added together the yearly income of all the members of your family who were living at home last year, would the total be less than ten thousand dollars, between ten thousand dollars and twenty thousand dollars, between twenty thousand dollars and thirty thousand dollars, between thirty thousand dollars and forty thousand dollars, between forty thousand dollars and fifty thousand dollars, between fifty thousand dollars and seventy-five thousand dollars, between seventy-five thousand dollars and one hundred thousand dollars, or would the total be more than that?

Less than \$10,000.....	4	[269]
Between \$10,000 and \$20,000.....	8	
Between \$20,000 and \$30,000.....	9	
Between \$30,000 and \$40,000.....	12	
Between \$40,000 and \$50,000.....	10	
Between \$50,000 and \$75,000.....	17	
Between \$75,000 and \$100,000.....	11	
More than \$100,000.....	13	
Not sure/refused.....	16	